

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:
RESIDENTIAL CAPITAL, LLC, et al.,
Debtors.

Case No. 12-12020 (MG)
Chapter 11
Jointly Administered

RESCAP LIQUIDATING TRUST,
Plaintiff
v.
PHH MORTGAGE CORP.,
Defendant

Adv. Case No. 14--mg

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Rescap Liquidating Trust (the “Trust” or “Plaintiff”), as successor to Residential Funding Company, LLC f/k/a Residential Funding Corporation (“RFC”), by and through its attorneys, alleges for its Complaint against defendant PHH Mortgage Corp. f/k/a Cendant Mortgage Corp. (“PHH” or “Defendant”), as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. This case arises in substantial part from the billions of dollars in liabilities and losses incurred by RFC as one of the Debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases. Those liabilities and losses, in turn, arose from defective residential mortgage loans sold to RFC by mortgage loan sellers, including Defendant PHH, who are legally and contractually responsible for the liabilities and losses caused by the poor quality of the mortgage loans in question.

2. RFC was, at times prior to its bankruptcy in May 2012, in the business of acquiring and securitizing residential mortgage loans.

3. RFC's business model was built on acquiring loans from "correspondent lenders," such as Defendant PHH, and distributing those loans by either pooling them together with other similar mortgage loans to sell into residential mortgage-backed securitization ("RMBS") trusts, or selling them to whole loan purchasers.

4. Over the course of the parties' relationship, PHH sold over 500 mortgage loans, with an original principal balance in excess of \$159 million, to RFC.

5. Critical to RFC's business success was the quality of the loans it purchased. To that end, RFC required its correspondent lenders, including PHH, to abide by stringent loan-level contractual representations and warranties designed to protect RFC from the risks of borrower fraud, appraisal fraud, failure to comply with state and federal law, and other credit and compliance factors that could negatively impact the performance and value of the loans it purchased.

6. Over the course of RFC's business relationship with Defendant PHH, RFC identified loans that contained material defects violating one or more of PHH's contractual representations and warranties, and PHH sometimes acknowledged those material defects by repurchasing the loans or otherwise compensating RFC for the defects. To the extent PHH repurchased certain individual loans from RFC, RFC is not seeking to again recover the repurchase price as to those loans. However, many defective loans sold to RFC by PHH remain unresolved. Moreover, PHH's repurchase of certain loans did not compensate RFC for all the liabilities and losses that RFC incurred due to PHH's sale of defective loans to RFC. The parties' Agreement entitles RFC to recovery of the additional liabilities and losses it incurred due to PHH's breaches.

7. Ultimately, due in significant part to the failure of correspondent lenders, including PHH, to honor their contractual representations and warranties, RFC was sued by numerous counterparties and investors in its RMBS, based on allegations that the loans contained numerous defects and were rife with fraud and compliance problems.

8. By the time RFC and the other above-captioned debtors (collectively, the “Debtors”) filed their above-captioned bankruptcy cases in May 2012, RFC was facing over two dozen lawsuits around the country, all alleging that the loans RFC had securitized were defective, as well as claims by investors in hundreds of its RMBS seeking tens of billions of dollars in damages based on loan-level problems.

9. During these cases, hundreds of proofs of claim were filed against RFC by dozens of claimants, including investors alleging securities fraud claims, class action plaintiffs, monoline insurers, RMBS holders and indenture trustees acting at their direction claiming breaches of representations and warranties, whole loan investors, and non-debtor co-defendants (such as underwriters of the RMBS offerings). Collectively, these claims alleged tens of billions of dollars of damages stemming from defective loans, including those sold to RFC by PHH.

10. Following a lengthy and intensive mediation presided over by sitting bankruptcy judge James M. Peck, and related proceedings, RFC was able to resolve its RMBS-related liabilities for over \$10 billion of allowed claims. This agreed resolution of RFC’s RMBS-related liabilities was set forth in a global settlement, which formed the cornerstone of a liquidating chapter 11 plan for RFC and its affiliated Debtors. On December 11, 2013, after a five-day confirmation trial, this Court approved the global settlement, finding it to be fair and reasonable and in the best interests of each of the Debtors, and confirmed the *Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan Proposed by Residential Capital LLC, et al. and the Official Committee of*

Unsecured Creditors, Case No. 12-12020 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) [D.I. 6065-1] (the “Plan”). Under paragraphs 24 and 48 of the *Order Confirming Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan Proposed by Residential Capital, LLC et al. and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors*, Case No. 12-12020 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) [D.I. 6065] and Article IV of the Plan, the Trust is responsible for monetizing many of the Debtors’ remaining assets and pursuing litigation claims and distributing the proceeds to the Debtors’ creditors, including RFC’s rights against PHH and other parties who sold mortgages to RFC.

11. Defendant PHH is contractually obligated to indemnify RFC for all liabilities and losses incurred by RFC as a result of breaches of Defendant’s representations and warranties.

12. Accordingly, the Trust brings this action for breach of contract, and for indemnification of all liabilities and losses RFC has incurred due to Defendant’s breaches of its representations and warranties.

PARTIES

13. Plaintiff Rescap Liquidating Trust is a Delaware Statutory Trust. RFC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. RFC was formerly known as Residential Funding Corporation. When the above-captioned bankruptcy cases were commenced, RFC was a wholly owned subsidiary of GMAC-RFC Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. GMAC-RFC Holding Company, LLC was a wholly owned subsidiary of Residential Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. Residential Capital, LLC was a wholly owned subsidiary of GMAC Mortgage Group LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which in turn was a wholly owned subsidiary of Ally Financial, Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Michigan. Pursuant to the Plan, on December 17, 2013, GMAC-RFC Holding Company, LLC’s

interest in RFC was cancelled and the Trust succeeded to all of RFC's rights and interests under RFC's Agreement with PHH.

14. Defendant PHH Mortgage Corp. f/k/a Cendent Mortgage Corp. is a New Jersey corporation with its principal place of business at 1 Mortgage Way, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

15. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334, in that the matter arises under title 11 or arises in or is related to the Debtors' bankruptcy proceedings. This Court also has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, in that the parties are citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. This adversary proceeding is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(C) in that PHH filed proofs of claim numbers 4462 and 7173 against RFC and under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(O) in that it affects the liquidation of the assets of the estate. The Trust hereby consents to the entry of final orders or judgment by this Court if it is determined that this Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgment consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

16. Venue is proper in this Court because these claims relate to the bankruptcy cases of the Debtors; the liquidation of these claims will impact the assets available to distribute to RFC's creditors under the Plan approved by the Bankruptcy Court; and litigating the case in the Bankruptcy Court is necessary to ensure the prompt administration of justice for all parties, including RFC's creditors.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Agreement Between RFC and PHH

17. Over the course of the parties' relationship, PHH sold over 500 mortgage loans to RFC pursuant to the Client Contract dated as of May 13, 1998 (the "Client Contract") and the Mortgage Loan Flow Purchase, Sale & Servicing Agreement dated as of September 1, 2006 (the "Flow Agreement" and, together with the Client Contract, the "Contracts") which are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

18. The Client Contract incorporates into its terms and conditions the RFC Client Guide, exemplary excerpts of which are attached as Exhibit B-1 through B-12 (the "Client Guide"). (The complete versions of the Client Guide are known to the parties and too voluminous to attach in their entirety; the omitted portions of the Client Guides do not affect the obligations set forth in this Complaint.) The Contracts and Client Guide collectively form the parties' Agreement, and set the standards to which PHH's loans sold to RFC were expected to adhere.

19. A preliminary list of the loans sold by PHH to RFC pursuant to the Contracts, and subsequently securitized by RFC, is attached hereto as Exhibit C. The original principal balance of these loans exceeds \$159 million.

20. As a correspondent lender, PHH had the initial responsibility for collecting information from the borrower, verifying its accuracy, and underwriting the loan. PHH had primary responsibility for all aspects of the underwriting of the loan, and it was understood between the parties that RFC would generally *not* be re-underwriting the loan. It was PHH, or others from whom PHH purchased mortgages, that actually closed the loans with the borrowers.

21. As PHH was well aware, once the loans were sold to RFC, RFC pooled groups of loans with similar characteristics, and the pool of loans would be sold into a special-purpose securitization Trust. The pool of loans formed the collateral underlying the Trust's mortgage-backed securities, which were in turn sold to investors.

22. As PHH was also well aware, RFC from time to time sold pools of loans to whole loan investors.

23. PHH knew of RFC's intention to securitize and/or sell the loans. Specifically, Defendant PHH acknowledged, in the Client Guide, that it "recognize[d] that it is [RFC's] intent to securitize some or all of the Loans sold to [RFC]," and agreed to provide RFC with "all such information ... as may be reasonably requested by [RFC] for inclusion in a prospectus or private placement memorandum published in connection with such securitization," including all information necessary to comply with the disclosures required by Regulation AB (governing asset-backed securities) and other applicable federal securities laws. (See Client Guide at A202(II); 206(D).)

24. Pursuant to the Client Contract and the Client Guide, Defendant PHH made a number of representations and warranties with respect to the loans, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Defendant's "origination and servicing of the Loans have been legal, proper, prudent and customary and have conformed to the highest standards of the residential mortgage origination and servicing business." (Client Guide A201(K).)
- b. Defendant "will comply with all provisions of this Client Guide and the Program Documents, and will promptly notify GMAC-RFC of any occurrence, act, or omission regarding [Defendant], the Loan, the Mortgaged Property or the Mortgagor of which [Defendant] has knowledge, which ... may materially affect [Defendant], the Loan, the Mortgaged Property or the Mortgagor." (Client Guide A201(M).)

- c. “All information relating to each Loan delivered and sold to GMAC-RFC is true, complete and accurate and there are no omissions of material facts. All data provided by the Client to GMAC-RFC relating to any Loan, whether in electronic format, or otherwise, is true and complete and accurately reflects the information in the related Loan file.” (Client Guide A202(A).)
- d. “All Loan Documents, Funding Documents and Final Documents are genuine, have been completed, duly and properly executed, are in recordable form and delivered in the form and manner specified in this Client Guide,” and “[a]ll originals and copies of such documents and all other documents, materials, and other information required to be submitted to GMAC-RFC have been so submitted, and are complete and accurate.” (Client Guide A202(D).)
- e. “All Loan Documents, Funding Documents and Final Documents and all other documents describing or otherwise relating thereto are in compliance with all local and State laws, regulations and orders.” (Client Guide A202(D).)
- f. “There is no default, breach, violation or event of acceleration existing under any Note or Security Instrument transferred to GMAC-RFC, and no event exists which, with notice and the expiration of any grace or cure period, would constitute a default, breach, violation or event of acceleration, and no such default, breach, violation or event of acceleration has been waived by [Defendant] or any other entity involved in originating or servicing the Loan.” (Client Guide A202(G).)
- g. “[E]ach Loan has been originated, closed, and transferred in compliance with all applicable local, State and federal laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Truth-in-Lending Act, the Fair Housing Act, and the National Flood Insurance Act. This warranty is made by [Defendant] with respect to each GMAC-RFC Loan Application taken and processed for each Loan and with respect to each Loan made by the [Defendant] or any other entity.” (Client Guide A202(I).)
- h. “No Loan is a ... loan considered a ‘high-cost,’ covered, ‘high-risk,’ ‘predatory’ or any other similar designation under any State or local law in effect at the time of the closing of the loan if the law imposes greater restrictions or additional legal liability for residential mortgage loans with high interest rates, points and/or fees.” (Client Guide A202(J)(1)(d).)
- i. “[N]o circumstances exist involving the Loan Documents, the Mortgaged Premises or the Borrower’s credit standing that could: (i) cause private institutional investors to regard the Loan as an unacceptable investment, (ii) cause the Loan to become delinquent, or (iii) adversely affect the Value or marketability of the Mortgaged Premises or the Loan.” (Client Guide A202(Q).)

- j. “The Loan is of investment quality, has been prudently originated and has been underwritten in compliance with all requirements of this Client Guide.” (Client Guide A202(T).)
- k. “For each Loan for which an appraisal is required or obtained under this Client Guide, the appraisal was made by an appraiser who meets the minimum qualifications for appraisers as specified in this Client Guide.” (Client Guide A202(T).)
- l. “For each Loan, as of the Funding Date, the market Value of the Mortgaged Premises is at least equal to the appraised value stated on the Loan appraisal, or if an Automated Valuation Model (AVM) is permitted, the Value on the AVM, except to the extent that the market Value of the Mortgaged Premises is lower ... due to the effect of any toxic materials or other environmental hazards of which neither the appraiser nor the [Defendant] has actual knowledge of reasonable grounds to suspect.” (Client Guide A202(T).)
- m. “No fraud or misrepresentation by the Borrower or by the [Defendant], broker, correspondent, appraiser or any independent contractor retained by the [Defendant], broker, correspondent, appraiser or any employee of any of the foregoing occurred with respect to or in connection with the origination or underwriting of any Loan and all information and documents provided to GMAC-RFC in connection with the Loan are complete and accurate.” (Client Guide A202(KK).)

25. Pursuant to the Flow Agreement, Defendant PHH made a number of representations and warranties with respect to the loans, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. “Such Mortgage Loan complies with the terms and conditions set forth herein, and all of the information set forth with respect thereto on the Mortgage Loan Schedule is true and correct in all material respects and does not omit any information necessary to make the information shown thereon not misleading in any material respect;” (Flow Agreement Section 3.03(1)).
- b. “All requirements of any federal, state or local law (including usury, truth in lending, real estate settlement procedures, consumer credit protection, predatory and abusive lending, equal credit opportunity or disclosure laws) applicable to the origination and servicing of such Mortgage Loan have been complied;” (Flow Agreement Section 3.03(9)).
- c. “No error or omission, misrepresentation, negligence or fraud in respect of such Mortgage Loan has taken place on the part of any Person in connection with the origination and servicing of such Mortgage Loan, and all information

provided by [Defendant] to [RFC] is true, correct and complete in all material respects;”(Flow Agreement Section 3.03(10)).

- d. “The Mortgage Note and the Mortgage related to such Mortgage Loan (and the Cooperative Pledge Agreement with respect to each Cooperative Loan) are genuine and each is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the maker thereof, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally and general equitable principles (regardless of whether such enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);” (Flow Agreement Section 3.03(13)).
- e. “All parties to the Mortgage Note and the Mortgage related to such Mortgage Loan had the legal capacity to enter into such Mortgage Loan and to execute and deliver the related Mortgage Note and the related Mortgage, and the related Mortgage Note and the related Mortgage have been duly and properly executed by such parties;” (Flow Agreement Section 3.03(14)).
- f. “All parties that have had any interest in such Mortgage Loan, whether as mortgagee, assignee, pledgee or otherwise, are (or, during the period in which they held and disposed of such interest, were) in compliance with any and all applicable licensing requirements of the laws of the state wherein the related Mortgaged Property is located;” (Flow Agreement 3.03(17)).
- g. “(a) There is no default, breach, violation or event of acceleration existing under the Mortgage, the Mortgage Note (or the related Pledge Agreement) with respect to each Pledged Asset Mortgage Loan), or any other agreements, documents, or instruments related to such Mortgage Loan, or any other agreements, documents, or instruments related to such Mortgage Loan; (b) there is no event that, with the lapse of time, the giving of notice, or both, would constitute such a default, breach, violation, or event of acceleration; (c) the Mortgagor(s) with respect to such Mortgage Loan is (1) not in default under any other Mortgage Loan or (2) not the subject of an Insolvency Proceeding; (d) no event of acceleration has previously occurred, and no notice of default has been sent, with respect to such Mortgage Loan; (e) in no event has the Seller waived any of its rights or remedies in respect of any default, breach, violation or event of acceleration under the Mortgage, the Mortgage Note (or the related Pledge Agreement with respect to each Pledged Asset Mortgage Loan), or any other agreements, documents, instruments related to such Mortgage Loan;” (Flow Agreement Section 3.03(19)).
- h. “The Mortgage File contains an appraisal of the related Mortgaged Property on forms and with riders approved by Fannie Mac and Freddie Mac, signed prior to the approval of such Mortgage Loan application by an appraiser, duly appointed by the originator of such Mortgage Loan, whose compensation is not affected by the approval or disapproval of such Mortgage Loan and who met the minimum qualifications of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for

appraisers. Each appraisal of the Mortgage Loan was made in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989. In accordance with specified programs Seller may utilize an approved AVM in lieu of an appraisal;” (Flow Agreement Section 3.03(28)).

26. These representations and warranties in the Contracts were material terms in RFC’s agreement to acquire the mortgage loans from PHH. PHH’s contractual warranty of the quality of the loans was important because RFC in turn sold these loans to RMBS trusts and whole loan purchasers, making its own representations and warranties to the trusts and investors. If any of PHH’s representations and warranties turned out to be false, RFC could have exposure to these third parties, and thus RFC required contractual protection from PHH under which RFC would have recourse for its liabilities and losses on account of defective loans.

27. Pursuant to the Client Guide, PHH’s failure to comply with its representations and warranties or any of the other requirements, terms or conditions of the Client Guide constitutes an “Event of Default,” as does its failure to provide RFC with true, accurate and complete information in a timely manner. (See Client Guide A208.) Under the Flow Agreement, it is an event of default for “any failure on the part of a Seller/Servicer duly to observe or perform in any material respect any of the covenants or agreements on the part of such Seller/Servicer set forth in this Agreement . . .” (Flow Agreement Section 10.01(2)).

28. Similarly, it is an “Event of Default” if a “[b]orrower or any other person or entity involved in the loan transaction or its underwriting or documentation (including any appraiser, broker, third-party originator, credit reporting agency, or other provider of underwriting information) has made any false representation and/or has failed to provide information that is true, complete and accurate in connection with” the loan transaction, regardless of whether PHH knew of the misrepresentation or incorrect information. (See Client Guide A208.)

29. PHH expressly agreed that RFC was permitted to exercise any remedy “allowed by law or in equity” in connection with such Events of Default. (See Client Guide A209.) Moreover, the Client Guide specified that RFC’s exercise of one or more remedies in connection with a particular Event of Default “will not prevent it from exercising … [o]ne or more other remedies in connection with the same Event of Default,” or “[a]ny other rights which it may have at law or in equity.” (Id.) RFC’s remedies expressly survived the sale of the loans and the termination of the ongoing business relationship between RFC and PHH. (Id. at A209(C).) Similarly, the Flow Agreement expressly provides that the representations and warranties regarding the mortgage loans “shall survive the sale of the Mortgage Loans to the Purchaser and shall inure to the benefit of the Purchaser and its assignees” (See Flow Agreement Section 3.04)).

30. The Client Guide further specified the remedies available to RFC in case of an Event of Default, including a breach of any loan-level representation or warranty. The available remedies included, but were expressly not limited to, repurchase of the defective loan, substitution of another loan for the defective one, or indemnification against liabilities resulting from such breaches. (See Client Guide A210.) The Client Guide expressly stated that RFC was “not required to demand repurchase within any particular period of time, and may elect not to require immediate repurchase.” (Id.) Further indemnification remedies are set forth in Sections A202 and A212 of the Client Guide. Section A209 of the Client Guide, in turn, makes clear that all of these remedies are non-exclusive and cumulative. In addition, the Flow Agreement contains both a repurchase remedy for defective loans in Section 3.04, and a broad indemnification remedy in Section 9.01 that covers “any costs, damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs, irrespective of whether or not incurred in connection with

the defense of any actual or threatened action, proceeding, or claim), fines, forfeitures, injuries, liabilities or losses . . . in connection with, or relating to (i) a breach by either Seller [i.e., PHH and/or Bishop's Gate Residential Mortgage Trust f/k/a Cendant Residential Mortgage Trust ("Bishop's Gate")] of any of its representations and warranties contained in Article III" Pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Flow Agreement, PHH is responsible for breaches of representations and warranties committed by Bishop's Gate.

31. Moreover, RFC alone retained the sole discretion to declare an Event of Default, and to choose what remedy or remedies to pursue. Nothing in the Agreement required RFC to provide PHH with notice and an opportunity to cure the defects, to make a repurchase demand, or in any way restricted RFC from pursuing recovery for materially defective loans at any time. In fact, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit recently confirmed that, under the Client Guide, RFC has the sole discretion to declare an Event of Default, and correspondent lenders such as PHH have contractually bargained away any right to challenge RFC's determination regarding such an Event of Default. See Residential Funding Co., LLC v. Terrace Mortg. Co., 725 F.3d 910 (8th Cir. 2013).

32. The repurchase provision required PHH to compensate RFC for defective loans according to a formula specified in the Client Guide that is based on the original principal balance of the loan. If RFC determined that repurchase was not appropriate, PHH would nonetheless contractually be obligated to pay RFC "all losses, costs and expenses incurred by [RFC] and/or the loan's servicer as a result of an Event of Default," including "all reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with enforcement efforts undertaken." (See Client Guide A210.) The indemnification remedy set forth in Section 9.01 of the Flow Agreement imposed the same obligations upon PHH.

33. Under the terms of the Agreement, PHH is obligated to repurchase loans and/or pay RFC the repurchase price even if the loan has already been foreclosed upon. (See Client Guide A210(B).)

34. Defendant PHH also expressly agreed to broad indemnification provisions, including the following:

[Defendant] shall indemnify GMAC-RFC from all losses, damages, penalties, fines, forfeitures, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, judgments, and any other costs, fees and expenses ... includ[ing], without limitation, liabilities arising from (i) any act or failure to act, (ii) any breach of warranty, obligation or representation contained in the Client Guide, (iii) any claim, demand, defense or assertion against or involving GMAC-RFC based on or resulting from such breach, (iv) any breach of any representation, warranty or obligation made by GMAC-RFC in reliance upon any warranty, obligation or representation made by [Defendant] contained by the Client Contract and (v) any untrue statement of a material fact, omission to state a material fact, or false or misleading information provided by the [Defendant] in information required under Regulation AB or any successor regulation.

In addition, [Defendant] shall indemnify GMAC-RFC against any and all losses, damages, penalties, fines, forfeitures, judgments, and any other costs, fees and expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by GMAC-RFC in connection with any litigation or governmental proceeding that alleges any violation of local, State or federal law by [Defendant], or any of its agents, or any originator or broker in connection with the origination or servicing of a Loan.

(Client Guide A212.) PHH further agreed:

to indemnify and hold GMAC-RFC harmless from and against any loss, damage, penalty, fine, forfeiture, court cost, reasonable attorneys' fees, judgment, cost, fee, expense or liability incurred by GMAC-RFC as a result of any material misstatement in or omission from any information provided by [Defendant] to GMAC-RFC; or from any claim, demand, defense or assertion against or involving GMAC-RFC based on or grounded upon, or resulting from such misstatement or omission or a breach of any representation, warranty or obligation made by GMAC-RFC in reliance upon such misstatement or omission.

(Client Guide A202.) The Client Guide also entitles RFC to recover all court costs, attorney's fees and any other costs, fees and expenses incurred by RFC in enforcing the Agreement or Client Guide.

35. Additionally, prior to the commencement of this lawsuit, PHH conceded that certain of its loans sold to RFC were materially defective. In that regard, PHH has already paid sums to RFC to cover those defects. In this action, RFC is not seeking to recover again on those sums.

36. RFC at all times performed all of its obligations to PHH, if any, under the Agreement, and all conditions precedent to the relief sought in this action, if any, have been satisfied.

Defendant Materially Breached Numerous Loan-Level Representations and Warranties.

37. As noted above, the loans RFC acquired from PHH and other correspondent lenders were sold, either into RMBS trusts that issued certificates to outside investors, or in "whole loan" portfolios to other mortgage companies and banks.

38. The loans PHH sold RFC were eventually deposited in 23 RMBS Trusts. When RFC sold the loans, it passed on a more limited set of representations and warranties to the Trusts, and, as required by SEC regulations, disclosed pertinent information about the loans to investors in the RMBS. In making those representations and warranties, RFC relied on information provided to it by PHH and other correspondent lenders. That information in many cases violated PHH's representations and warranties to RFC.

39. PHH materially breached its extensive contractual representations and warranties by delivering loans that were not originated or underwritten in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement; did not meet the representations and warranties made as to those loans; and/or failed to comply with applicable state and federal law.

40. Over time, many of the loans sold to RFC by PHH defaulted or became seriously delinquent. More than a third of the loans PHH sold RFC and RFC securitized eventually sustained losses, collectively totaling over \$31 million dollars, exposing RFC to claims from investors, monoline insurers, and others.

41. These delinquency and default rates far exceed what would normally be expected in a given population of mortgage loans.

42. Internal reviews conducted by RFC determined that many of the loans sold to RFC by PHH violated the Client Guide and/or other representations or warranties made by PHH, resulting in an Event of Default under the Agreement.

43. The types of defects varied, but included income misrepresentation, employment misrepresentation, and appraisal misrepresentations, among others. Additional material defects are likely contained throughout the loan population sold to RFC by PHH. Indeed, a number of the loans defaulted very shortly after origination (constituting Early Payment Defaults or EPDs), which is widely recognized in the industry as often signaling fraud or other problems in the origination and underwriting of the loans.

44. By way of example, the following loans sold to RFC by PHH were identified as having significant and material defects violating the Client Guide representations and warranties:

- a. Loan ID # 10945407 (included in securitization 2006-QA9) – The borrower on this \$376,600 loan misrepresented employment and income when applying for the loan. Income is a very important factor in underwriting a loan and the misrepresentation on employment and income status made this loan materially more risky than represented by PHH. The misrepresentations were egregious enough that PHH conceded the loan materially breached its representations and warranties to RFC and repurchased the loan.
- b. Loan ID # 1948742 – This mortgage had a number of issues. When the loan was audited by RFC, it was discovered that the borrower had not disclosed all debts. The audit also revealed that the “comparable” properties supporting the appraisal were larger than the subject property collateralizing the loan and further, had not been properly adjusted for age and condition. Accordingly,

the appraised value of the subject property was inaccurate. Further, the income used to qualify the borrower for the loan was based on the borrower's receipt of social security income, but there was no evidence the 62-year-old borrower had filed for social security benefits or started receiving social security income. All of these defects constituted material breaches of PHH's representations and warranties to RFC.

- c. Loan ID # 10945719 (sold to UBS in a whole loan sale) – This \$307,000 loan was not the product of an arm's-length transaction. In fact, the borrower entered into the transaction for the benefit of the seller and permitted the seller to continue to reside in the property in return for making the payments on the loan. PHH also knew, but did not disclose, that the borrower planned to enter into a cash-out second lien loan with PHH the day following the closing on this loan. Further, the loan file was missing required documents. As a result of these material breaches of PHH's representations and warranties, UBS later demanded that RFC repurchase this loan.

45. As detailed below, these defects constituted material breaches of Defendant's representations and warranties, contributing to RFC's exposure to billions of dollars in liability and tens of millions of dollars in legal expenses.

RFC's Liabilities and Losses Stemming from Defendant's Breaches.

46. As a direct result of Defendant PHH's breaches, RFC has incurred obligations, liabilities, damages, and losses for which it is entitled to recovery from PHH.

47. First, RFC has incurred billions of dollars in liabilities and losses stemming from defective loans, including those sold to RFC by PHH.

48. In addition, RFC has expended tens of millions of dollars litigating the quality of the loans sold to it by PHH and others in extensive federal and state court litigation in which plaintiffs claimed the loans were rife with borrower or originator fraud, or failed to comply with applicable state and/or federal law.

49. Beginning in 2008 and continuing until RFC filed for bankruptcy protection with this Court on May 14, 2012, RFC faced a growing number of claims and dozens of lawsuits stemming from the defective loans sold to it by PHH and others.

50. For example, the RFC-sponsored RMBS offerings containing loans sold to RFC by PHH included a number of RMBS that became the subject of lawsuits brought by investors and other participants in the securitizations.

51. RFC ordinarily received a limited number of repurchase demands, primarily from whole loan investors.

52. However, in early 2008, MBIA Insurance Corp., a bond insurer that issued insurance policies guaranteeing the performance of certain mortgage-backed securities issued by RFC, began questioning the quality of large numbers of loans in the securitizations it had insured. MBIA hired a team to begin reviewing loan files, and in May 2008, based on the *less-stringent* representations and warranties RFC had made to MBIA, demanded that RFC repurchase many allegedly defective loans.

53. In January 2012, UBS demanded that RFC repurchase a number of loans that PHH sold to RFC. RFC's bankruptcy filing occurred before these repurchase demands could be resolved.

54. Beginning in October 2008, RFC was sued in literally dozens of lawsuits stemming from allegedly defective mortgage loans, including those sold to it by PHH.

55. The first of these lawsuits was filed by bond insurer MBIA in October 2008. The MBIA lawsuit covered five RFC second-lien securitizations that included thousands of mortgage loans. For the first time, RFC learned that MBIA's analysis had concluded that over 80% of the loans in the pools it insured were defective.

56. The MBIA lawsuit was followed shortly by a class action suit filed by the New Jersey Carpenters pension funds.

57. The New Jersey Carpenters' lawsuit purported to cover 59 mortgage-backed securities offerings issued through RFC's RALI shelf in 2006 and 2007, which consisted of first-lien Alt-A loans. These securitizations were identified by names that included the letters "QA," "QH," "QO," and "QS." As shown in Exhibit C, hundreds of PHH loans were included in the offerings that were the subject of the New Jersey Carpenters' lawsuit.

58. The New Jersey Carpenters' complaint alleged that 38% of the mortgage loans underlying the securitizations were in delinquency, default, foreclosure or repossession when New Jersey Carpenters filed its class action complaint, and that much of RFC's mortgage loan data "was inaccurate due to the inflated appraisal values, inaccurate LTV ratios, borrower income inflation, and the other facets of defective underwriting" described throughout the Complaint. (NJ Carpenters First Am. Compl. ¶¶ 9, 110 in *New Jersey Carpenters et al. v. Residential Capital, LLC et al.* Case No. 08-cv-08781 (HB) (S.D.N.Y.).) Of course, that data was provided to RFC—and represented and warranted to be accurate—by PHH and other correspondent lenders.

59. On October 11, 2011, Stichting Pensioenfunds filed a lawsuit against RFC and certain other parties. The securitizations in this lawsuit contained over a dozen loans sold to RFC by PHH. The Stichting complaint contained almost one hundred pages of factual allegations detailing numerous problems with the loans in which it invested and further asserted that the offering documents for the loans were replete with misrepresentations about the quality of the loans.

60. Numerous other lawsuits followed on through RFC's bankruptcy filing in May 2012, including over fifteen lawsuits brought by private investors in its RMBS securities, and more than a dozen lawsuits brought by monoline insurers.

61. All of these lawsuits alleged that the loans RFC sold into RMBS securitizations were defective in a variety of ways, including because of borrower fraud, missing or inaccurate documentation, fraudulent or inflated appraisals, misrepresentations concerning owner-occupancy, or failure to comply with applicable state and federal law.

62. Collectively, these lawsuits involved more than one hundred RMBS securitizations, and a combined original principal balance of more than \$100 billion.

63. Across the dozens of securitizations involved in these lawsuits, PHH was responsible for over 300 of the loans.

64. As of May 2012, RFC had already repurchased millions of dollars worth of defective loans from its RMBS securitizations and from whole loan purchasers, either at the request of a bond insurer or trustee, or because RFC itself discovered a defect and affirmatively took steps to repurchase the loan. As described in more detail above, these included numerous loans sold to RFC by PHH.

65. In May 2012, RFC and certain of its affiliates—partly because of the enormous exposure stemming from the pending mortgage-related lawsuits described above—filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in this Court.

66. In connection with the bankruptcy proceeding, hundreds of proofs of claim were filed by investors in RMBS, monoline insurers, whole loan purchasers, indenture trustees, and an array of co-defendants in the above-described loan-related litigation. These proofs of claim, many of which mirrored the litigation filed prior to the bankruptcy, sought damages in the tens of billions of dollars, all stemming from allegedly defective mortgage loans, including those sold to RFC by PHH. By way of example, the following represents a small sampling of the hundreds of proofs of claim filed on the basis of defective loans:

- a. The indenture trustees for each of the RFC-sponsored securitizations (Deutsche Bank, Bank of New York, U.S. Bank, HSBC Bank, Law Trust and Wells Fargo, and Wells Fargo) collectively filed more than two dozen proofs of claim at the direction of two substantial groups of institutional investors. The institutional investors collectively asserted that loan-level defects (including in the loans sold to RFC by PHH and securitized) were responsible for more than \$19.5 billion in repurchase obligations.
- b. AIG, an investor in over 25 Debtor-sponsored securitizations (which included PHH loans), filed five proofs of claim totaling in excess of \$2.6 billion, based on the allegation that the loans were defective. The proofs of claim were based in part on analyses of the individual loan-level data for these loans.
- c. John Hancock, an investor in over 50 Debtor-sponsored securitizations (a number of which included PHH loans), filed 43 proofs of claim asserting similar allegations.
- d. Bank Hapoalim, an investor in 8 Debtor-sponsored securitizations (which included PHH loans), filed five proofs of claim alleging losses based on defective loans.
- e. Deutsche Zentral, an investor in 11 Debtor-sponsored securitizations (which included PHH loans), filed four proofs of claim alleging losses based on defective loans.

67. Many whole loan purchasers also filed proofs of claim in the bankruptcy proceedings, collectively seeking millions of dollars in recovery.

68. These proofs of claim, lawsuits, and demands all alleged, among other things, that the securitized or purchased loans were defective, improperly underwritten, and breached representations and warranties made by RFC to investors, purchasers, and other contractual parties. Those representations and warranties were, in most cases, identical to or less stringent than those that RFC had received from PHH, and on which RFC had relied.

69. The Debtors initially proposed to settle portions of their RMBS-related liabilities for an aggregate \$8.7 billion allowed claim in the bankruptcy case. Subsequently, after protracted litigation over the reasonableness and propriety of that settlement, this Court appointed the Hon. James M. Peck, a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District

of New York, to serve as a mediator and to attempt to achieve a negotiated resolution of the Debtors' RMBS-related liabilities and of other disputed issues in the chapter 11 cases. A lengthy mediation process ensued, which, together with related proceedings, resulted in a global settlement that, among other things, provided for the resolution of all of the Debtors' RMBS-related liabilities for more than \$10 billion in allowed claims granted to the various RMBS trusts, monoline insurers, FHFA, securities law claimants, and others.

70. This Court ultimately approved the global settlement, including the \$10 billion-plus settlement of RMBS-related liabilities, finding it to be fair and reasonable and in the best interests of each of the Debtors, and confirmed the plan. (See Case No. 12-12020-mg, Doc. 6066 (Findings of Fact), at ¶¶ 98 to 176.) The Plan became effective on December 17, 2013. Pursuant to the Plan, the Trust succeeded to all of RFC's rights and interests, including its right to bring litigation claims against PHH.

71. Pursuant to its express contractual obligations, PHH is obligated to compensate the Trust (as successor to RFC under the Plan) for the portion of global settlement associated with its breaches of representations and warranties, as well as for the portion of RFC's other liabilities and losses (including the tens of millions of dollars that RFC has paid in attorneys' fees to defend against, negotiate, and ultimately settle claims relating to allegedly defective loans) associated with those breaches.

**COUNT ONE
(BREACH OF CONTRACT)**

72. The Trust realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 71 above, as if fully rewritten herein.

73. RFC and Defendant PHH entered into a valid and enforceable Agreement pursuant to which RFC acquired over 500 mortgage loans from PHH.

74. Pursuant to the parties' Agreement, PHH made representations and warranties to RFC regarding the quality and characteristics of the mortgage loans Defendant sold to RFC.

75. RFC complied with all conditions precedent, if any, and all of its obligations under the Agreement.

76. Defendant materially breached its representations and warranties to RFC inasmuch as the mortgage loans materially did not comply with the representations and warranties.

77. Defendant's material breaches constitute Events of Default under the Agreement.

78. RFC has suffered loss, harm, and financial exposure directly attributable to Defendant's material breaches, including liabilities and losses stemming from the defective loans, as well as attorneys' fees, litigation-related expenses, and other costs associated with both defending dozens of lawsuits and proofs of claim filed against RFC stemming in part from materially defective loans sold to RFC by Defendant, and fees and costs incurred in prosecuting this action.

79. Accordingly, the Trust is entitled to compensation in an amount to be proven at trial, which exceeds \$75,000, together with an award of attorneys' fees, interest, and costs.

**COUNT TWO
(INDEMNIFICATION)**

80. The Trust realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 79 above, as if fully rewritten herein.

81. RFC has incurred substantial liabilities, losses and damages arising from and relating to material defects in the mortgage loans PHH sold to RFC, including over \$10 billion in allowed claims approved by this Court, as well as tens of millions of dollars in attorneys' fees, litigation-related expenses, and other costs associated with defending dozens of lawsuits and

proofs of claim filed against RFC stemming in part from materially defective loans sold to RFC by PHH.

82. Defendant expressly agreed to indemnify RFC for the liabilities, losses and damages, including attorneys' fees and costs, which RFC has incurred.

83. Accordingly, the Trust is entitled to indemnification in excess of \$75,000 and in an amount to be proven at trial, and an award of attorneys' fees, interest, and costs.

WHEREFORE, the Trust demands judgment in its favor and against Defendant as follows:

(A) On Count One (Breach of Contract), contractual repurchase compensation and/or damages in excess of \$75,000 and in an amount to be proven at trial, and an award of attorneys' fees, interest, and costs; and

(B) On Count Two (Indemnification), a declaratory judgment that Defendant is responsible to indemnify the Trust against liabilities, losses, expenses and/or other damages paid or to be paid in settlements or otherwise stemming from Defendant's conduct, an order for damages sufficient to reimburse the Trust for RFC's liabilities, losses, costs and expenses caused by Defendant's actions in excess of \$75,000 and in an amount to be proven at trial, and an award of attorneys' fees, interest, and costs; and

(C) All such further relief, as the Court deems necessary or proper.

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